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RESPONSE TO SEPTEMBER 25, 2002 OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to an Office Action ("the Office Action") dated September 25, 2002 in connection with the above-referenced application. No fees are believed to be due in connection with this submission. However, if any fees are determined to be due, the Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner, and/or the Director of the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office are authorized to charge Winstead Sechrest & Minick Deposit Account No. 23-2426, referencing matter 23804-P002C2.

AMENDMENTS

Prior to further examination on the merits, please amend the application as follows: